

Cattle and Calves

Arizona's inventory of cattle and calves taken on January 1, 2002 was estimated at 840,000 head, the same amount as the previous year. The 2001 calf crop of 270,000 was down 5,000 head from the 2000 calf crop. The value of Arizona cattle on January 1 was \$647 million, up 4 percent.

Monthly beef cattle prices varied by \$14.40 per hundredweight during 2001, from a low of \$64.50 in December to a high of \$78.90 in March. The marketing year average price for beef cattle increased \$3.30 per hundredweight to \$71.90. The annual average steer and heifer price increased \$3.10 to \$72.20 per hundredweight and the annual average calf price decreased \$1.00 to \$101.00 per hundredweight. The annual average price for cows increased \$4.40 per hundredweight to \$40.60.

Cattle and calf marketings were up 5 percent to 932 million pounds and the gross income from these marketings increased 9 percent to \$686 million.

Arizona's feedlot operators marketed 348,000 head during 2001. Feedlot inventories ranged from 291,000 head on July 1 to 309,000 head on April 1.

Arizona's 18 livestock slaughtering establishments produced 417.3 million pounds of red meat during 2001, up 7 percent from the 2000 slaughter. Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 558,100 head, up 5 percent from 2000.

Arizona Cattle Inventory January 1, 1982-2002

